

VARE ADMITS BAD WORK AT ISLAND PARK

Walls' Demolition to Make Way for Park Practically a Confession to Faulty Construction.

"Safe Bet No Dynamite Will Be Needed to Tear Them Apart," Veteran Workmen Declare.

Senator Edwin H. Vane, who constructed the "near concrete walls" in League Island Park at a cost of more than \$350,000 to the taxpayers, which three noted engineers condemned, has at last confessed his work was faulty. By his orders squads of laborers have torn down practically the entire structure. Only small parts of the cracked wall are still visible. Expenditures for the park thus far have been about \$100,000.

Laborers in the park frankly admitted today that demolishing the wall wasn't a difficult job. One man ventured to declare the job was the easiest he had encountered in years, because of the faulty material with which the structure was built.

Less than four months ago, after a board of experts assigned by Director Cooke, of the Department of Public Works, had submitted a report which stated that the walls were worthless because of many cracks, fissures and holes in them, Senator Vane made this defense:

"The wall is a handsome structure and there is nothing wrong with it."

In face of conclusive proof furnished by the experts, composed of such men as Frederick W. Taylor, of this city, formerly consulting engineer of the Midvale Steel Company; Richard L. Humphrey, president of the American Concrete Institute; and Allen Hazen, of the firm of Hazen & Whipple, consulting engineers of New York, Vane issued emphatic denials of their grave charges.

Later the Senator employed a corps of engineers whose identity he refused to make public. The engineers were detailed to make an inspection of the "near concrete walls." The report of the Senator's private investigators was never made public.

The Senator has made many trips in his automobile down to League Island since the work of raising the walls was begun. The demolition, which many residents in South Philadelphia declare is a disgrace to this city, was begun last July.

From his automobile, workmen declared today, Senator Vane no doubt had an excellent chance to view the cracked walls made of impurities. He also could see the worthless walls from that vantage point.

DYNAMITE NOT NEEDED.
In the group of workmen detailed in the park this morning was a veteran building wrecker and all-around laborer. This man, who has worked on many municipal construction jobs, frankly declared that, owing to the poor gravel used, it was a sure bet that dynamite wouldn't be needed.

"The fellow who had the contract for putting these things up—I mean those walls—certainly must have seen his blunder by this time. Any man who has eyes and knows a thing or two about concrete will say that there is something wrong with the structure. A blind man couldn't tell the difference."

Senator Vane has the contract for proceeding with the work in the park. He was given the contract last June, because his bid of \$350,000 was the lowest. It was learned today that one of the first discoveries by laborers and others detailed to tear down the walls was that the structure around the lagoons was defective. The contractor used no washed gravel, fairly well graded, but full of impurities, which tended to impair the quality of the concrete made from it. Another interesting feature of the construction was the discovery that the gravel contained wood, lumps of clay, pieces of coal and some very fine material, part of which was organic matter.

The show signs of poor workmanship. Many of them are constructed by the Senator will have to be rebuilt because they are defective.

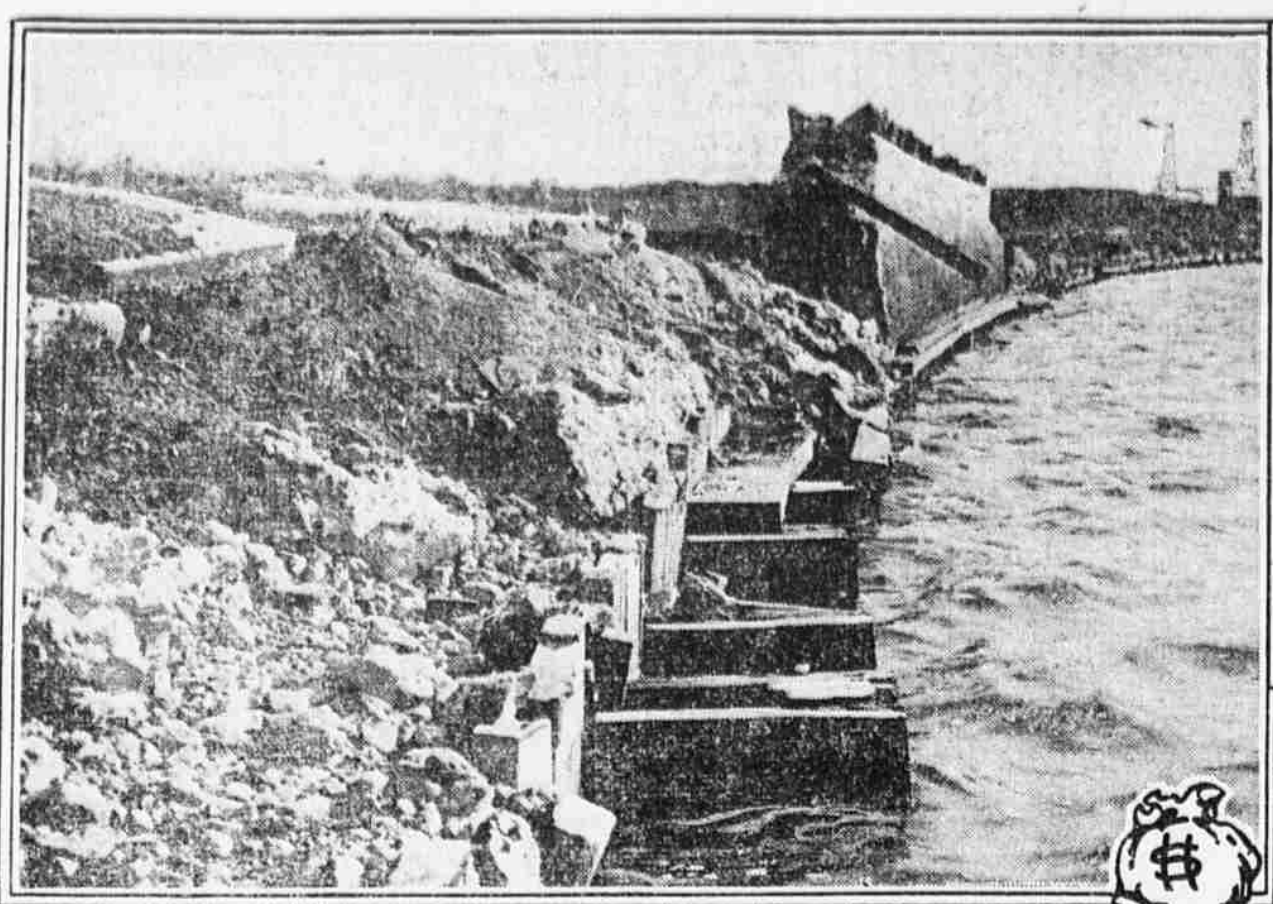
RUSHING PARK'S COMPLETION.
Everything is now being done by Director Cooke to bring about the completion of the park which will be Philadelphia's future recreation ground for children and adults. It is expected the park will be ready for use by next summer.

The new contract awarded to Senator Vane calls for two plants, roadways, pavements, runways and also artificial walks, but not the kind he constructed when the "near concrete walls" were put up. Grass tanks, better walls and other improvements will be constructed. It is also planned to have a walking path where girls and boys can have fun in the summer.

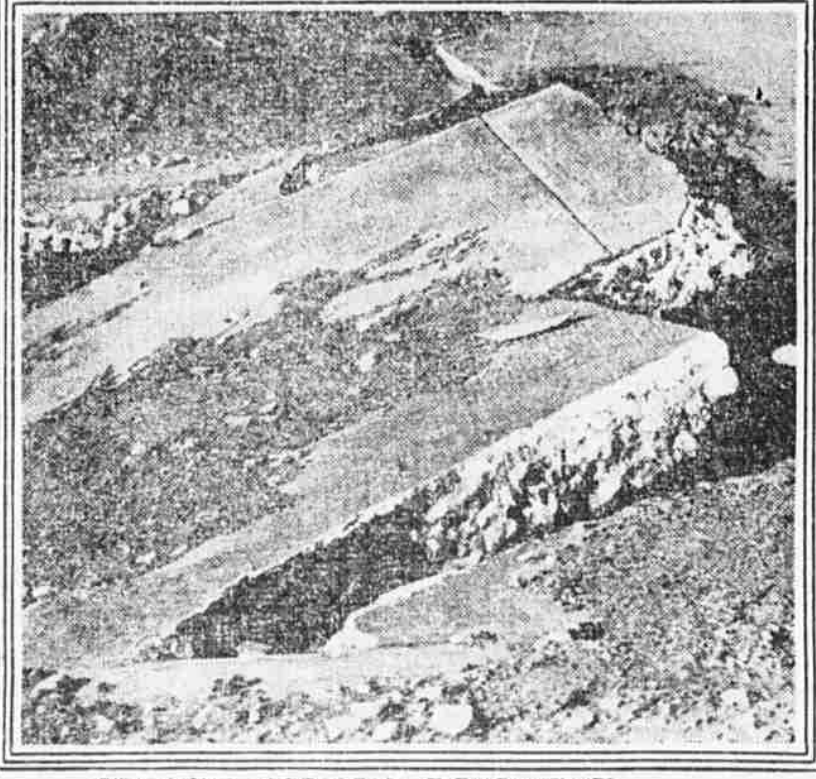
Following the disclosures made last spring by the investigators, the entire matter was later referred to District Attorney Rotan for the purpose of ascertaining whether criminal or civil proceedings could be instituted against those who were responsible for the scandal. District Attorney Rotan replied that he couldn't act because of the statute of limitations.

League Island Park for many years has been a haven for organization contractors and others. Actual construction work was begun under the administration of Mayor Ashbridge. In the four years from 1908 to 1912 \$457,277 was appropriated in eight items, including \$100,000 as a prize for competitive designs. Of these amounts \$107,775 was paid out. Another sum amounting to \$250,000 was appropriated in 1912. A contract with Senator Vane was entered into for \$100,000. A supplemental contract was made in August, 1910, for \$75,000, and a second supplemental contract on June 25, 1911, for \$100,000. Later the supplemental contracts were declared illegal by the Supreme Court following an attack by a "Wynona" committee. Outstanding contracts were annulled and work was suspended February, 1912.

VARE CONFESSES ERROR BY DESTROYING CITY WORK HE DEFENDED



PART OF "NEAR CONCRETE" WALL DEFENDED BY EDWIN H. VARE. WALL IS NOW BEING TORN DOWN



BROKEN ASPHALT PAVEMENT

AROUSED FARMERS SEARCH THE WOODS FOR GIRL'S SLAYER

All-night Man Hunt Resumed Today by Residents of Buckingham Valley and State Troopers.

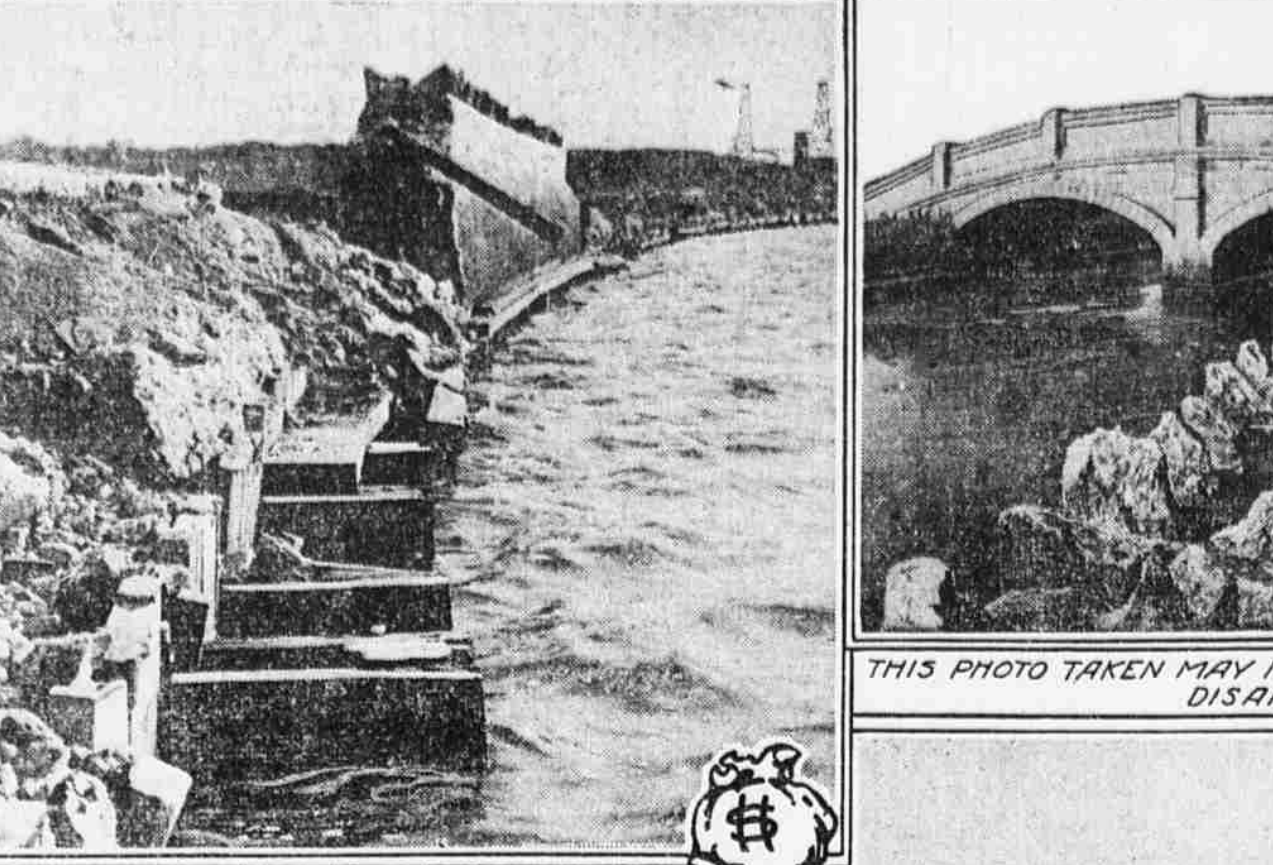
Armed farmers of Buckingham Valley, who had searched through the woods all night for John Doe, who shot and killed his 15-year-old niece, Florence Vane, last Monday night, resumed their search for him today. The hunt was resumed after breakfast and is still on, but not a trace of Doe has been found. The men who have been participating in the search say that they do not believe Doe has gone far from the scene of the shooting. They believe he is still in the woods, and only in shirt and trousers, and that he will be captured soon. State troopers, who took up the chase yesterday, are still at work on the case, but so far have learned nothing of Doe's whereabouts.

Although every foot of the countryside surrounding the home of Clinton Cape, father of the murdered girl, has been gone over by the farmers, armed with shotguns, rifles and revolvers, Cape's trail has not been found. It was pointed out today that it would be easy for a man who knows the country to evade pursuers in the deep woods and hills. The searchers hope Doe will be driven to seek shelter and surrender.

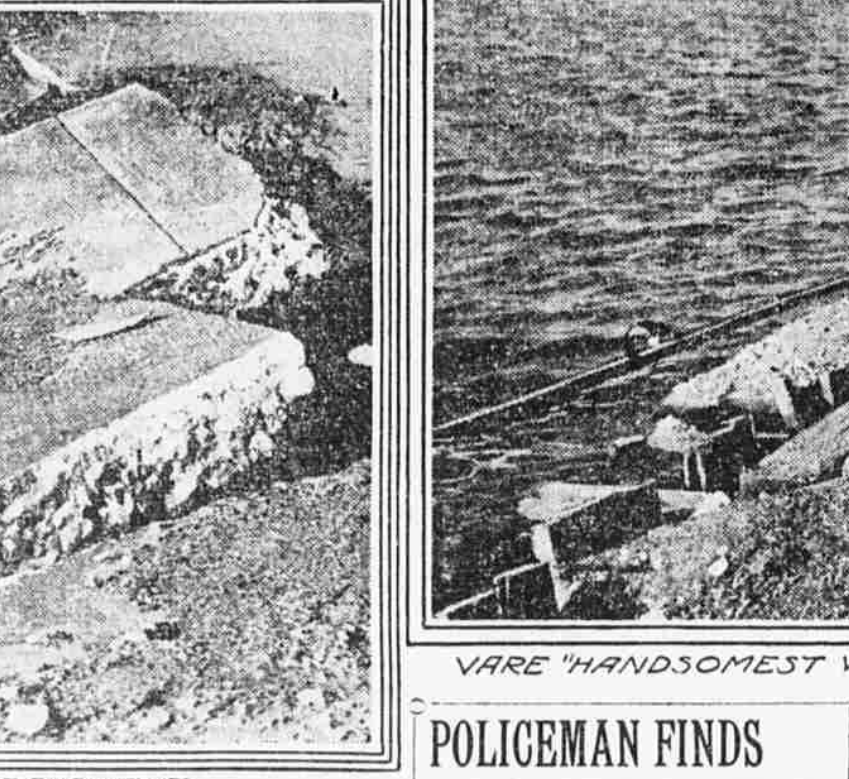
Funeral services for the murdered girl will be held Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the home of her father. The day she was to have graduated from the Philadelphia Business College. The funeral will be at the home of her father, The Rev. J. B. K. of the Protestant Episcopal Church, 1010 Locust street. The funeral will be at the home of her father, The Rev. J. B. K. of the Protestant Episcopal Church, 1010 Locust street.

BISHOP BERRY RETURNS
Bishop Joseph F. Berry, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, has returned from his vacation spent in New York and Ohio. The Bishop was busy most of the time during the summer and fall of last year at the dedication of several churches. Among them was one for the Central Methodist church, Springfield, Ohio, for which he assisted in obtaining \$38,700 to pay off an indebtedness of \$1,000 on the dedication day.

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HUNT CLUB HAS FIRST SPORT OF THE SEASON

Members Start Across Country Today, But Reynard Gets Away.

Hunters and huntswomen, members of the White Marsh Valley Hunt Club, had their first sport of the season early this morning. With James G. Leiper as master of hounds, about 15 other members started across country after the hounds shortly after the break of day. The return was made before breakfast. While the sport was thoroughly enjoyed, the members had a hard time as they were determined to keep themselves well under cover.

The regular season of the White Marsh Valley Hunt Club begins after the first of December. According to the schedule they will run each Wednesday and Saturday and on holidays, including Columbus Day, Election Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas.

WAR'S HORRORS INEVITABLE WHEN MEN TURN TIGERS

George Wharton Pepper Thinks Atrocities Bound to Occur in Strife.

George Wharton Pepper, prominent Republican lawyer, an authority on church law and an attorney, expressed the opinion today that atrocities in warfare were things to be expected. Mr. Pepper has followed the present war in Europe with a great deal of interest and has considered the numerous tales and reports of the alleged atrocities perpetrated. In speaking of these alleged outrages, he said:

Atrocities are considered by many as necessary incidents of war. In my opinion, however, the commission of frightful atrocities is inevitable whenever masses of men are for the time being turned into tigers by the war spirit. No better description of war than Sherman's has been given. War is hell, and whenever hell is loosed loose there will always be found plenty of devils to feed the fire. We should be less busy fixing the blame for these devils than in doing all in our power to relieve the victims."

NEW YORK TO HAVE SERIES

NEW YORK, Sept. 29.—Despite rumors to the contrary, it was announced yesterday that the post-season series between the New York National and American League clubs would take place this fall. The first game is scheduled for October 1, one day before the opening of the world's series.

BROTHERS

Elke stick to each other. Have you heard the story that is on the rounds—I heard it told at the hotel last night—about Jenkins of somewhere, one old time?

POLICEMAN FINDS HUNGRY RUNAWAY LAD ON DOORSTEP

Girard College Orphan, Seeking Adventure, Slept Under the Stars—Little Pal Yet Missing.

Forlorn and shivering, hungry and tired, a little boy who ran away from Girard College on Monday to seek adventure was found early today huddled in the shadow of the doorsteps at 29th street and Montgomery avenue. Policeman Humphreys, who saw the child, wrapped his coat about him and took the boy to the 29th and Oxford streets station.

There the little runaway said he was John Hand and admitted with a touch of pride the weight of 11 years resting on his shoulders. He had soiled the wall surrounding the college grounds with Francis Croft, 13 years old, another inmate of the institution, and the two determined to see "life." The other lad is now being sought by the police. Hand said he left his companion asleep in a vacant lot near the place he had been found.

The two boys had 19 cents between them when they climbed over the wall. One-fourth of this was spent before they were out of the college grounds a half hour, when a lurid motion picture advertisement which told of heroic deeds on Western plains attracted the young adventurers.

Realizing that 29 cents would not keep them in food very long, they satisfied their future cravings for excitement by merely looking at bill boards instead of going in the "movies." At night they slept in vacant lots.

When their small capital dwindled to the point where strict economy was necessary, the children dropped pennies in slot machines and munching peanuts for amusement. Apparently they did not realize the seriousness of their plight, for when Policeman Humphreys put young Hand on the sergeant's desk at the station house the lad's enthusiasm for more adventure was not diminished. He was anxious that his comrade should be found, so the two might continue their wanderings.

Last night, Hand said, he and Croft decided to sleep in a vacant lot near 29th street and Montgomery avenue. They had walked miles during the day, he said, and were tired. Accordingly, with coats pulled over their shoulders, the two slept beneath the stars. Later Hand awoke feeling cold. He crept to the shadow of the doorsteps to finish his sleep where the policeman found him.

NEGRO BURGLES SENTENCED

Samuel Worthington, alias Jones, a Negro, 123 Snyder street, sentenced for a further hearing, was sentenced to six months in the House of Correction today by Magistrate Morris. The police believe he is responsible for numerous robberies which have occurred in the northern section of the city. A complete set of burglar's tools was found in his house.

KENNY'S NIGHT COURT STIRRED FAMILY'S IRE

2 A. M. Recital Brings the Police and Peace Follows Discard.

Discord has given way to harmony in the Kenney family.

Although there will be no more early morning concerts at the Kenney house, 521 Rockland street, Germantown, the neighbors are happy. The discord was due to the musical ambitions of Walter Kenney. Other members of his family did not agree with Walter regarding his musical capacities. They contended that he struck what musicians call "blue" notes. The neighbors agreed with them and the whole region seemed to feel the same color.

Difference of opinion between Walter Kenney, his relatives and the neighbors was responsible for sending him to the House of Correction.

Kenney's musical inspirations become especially emphatic about 2 o'clock in the morning, for that's when he plays longest and loudest. He attributes this to the eccentricities of genius. Kenney attempted everything from ragtime to Chopin's Funeral March this morning, but when this latter selection filled the air the musician's father and brother tried to drag the performer from the parlor organ. Kenney struck a few notes and then a few relatives.

Two policemen took Kenney to the Germantown police station, and when Magistrate Pennock heard of Kenney's habits there was much sympathy in his gaze as he looked at the other battered members of the Kenney family. But there was no sympathy for Kenney, the prisoner. "I'll give you five days in the House of Correction," he said.

THE WEATHER

Official Forecast

For Eastern Pennsylvania and New Jersey—Fair tonight and probably Thursday; not much change in temperature; moderate west winds.

There has been a general decrease in pressure during the last 24 hours, especially in New England and the Middle Atlantic States, and as a result there has been a change in weather in all districts except the Upper Lake region and the extreme Southeast. A disturbance that is central this morning over Connecticut has caused light showers in New York State and most of New England. The Gulf storm has moved a little farther northward, the centre being south of Pennsylvania, Fla., and the resultant rain area embracing practically all of the eastern half of the cotton belt. Fair weather has prevailed in other parts of the country.

U. S. Weather Bureau Bulletin

Station	Temp.	Wind	Clouds	Pressure
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PENROSE AT DESK IN SENATE; IF YOU DOUBT, SEE MOVIES

Pictures Entertain Show Patrons, Films Costing Him \$100 a Week Being Furnished Free by Candidate.

Senator Penrose is entertaining the "movie fans" of Pennsylvania. He is paying the cost of keeping on the screens of motion picture houses in all parts of the State 30 prints of a 70-foot film, which are now in their second week of showing the senior Senator in various activities.

The films show him actually in Washington, seated at his desk in his office there, riding in the Capitol in a carriage, and entering the Senate wing of the Capitol, and they show him campaigning at the National Guard encampment at Mt. Gretna, and on the stump in the western part of the State.

The "Prosperity Film Exchange," which is really only Martin Gauder, an employee of the Mutual Film Corporation, of 202 Fifth street, has charge of the distribution.

Invitations to avail themselves of the Penrose free-film service have been sent to all motion picture house managers who favor Penrose's candidacy, said Gauder today.

They have passed their 20th performance, he said, and have been shown all the way from Philadelphia to Pittsburgh before audiences aggregating nearly 1,000,000 persons. They are on the programs of two or three theatres in Philadelphia and as many in Pittsburgh every day, Gauder said.

"What does it cost the managers to show this film?" Gauder was asked.

"Nothing," he answered. "Senator Penrose pays all of the cost. When we send them upstate though, the managers have to pay express charges for the way."

GRAB INCLUDES PLAN TO SEIZE CITY HALL SUITE

Rooms Occupied by Police Coveted by Municipal Court Pending \$2,000,000 Land Purchase.

Project Germinated Last April When Ouster of State Fencibles From Armory Appeared Imminent.

Not content with their land-grabbing plans for \$2,000,000 court buildings at 21st and Race streets, officials of the Municipal Court, through the Penrose-McNichol-controlled Councils, will attempt the seizure of the east corridor on the sixth floor of City Hall to accommodate them while the grabbing plans are being jammed through. If the State Fencibles are ousted from their armory on Broad street below Race and the Central police station takes that place, the Municipal Court will get the east corridor, according to those with their eyes on the court's plans.

President Judge Charles L. Brown admitted the truth of this to Emanuel Furth, attorney for the Fencibles, when Furth, who had heard the rumor, taxed him with it two weeks ago. Say City Hall's east corridor is coveted by the Municipal Court as a shelter until the fate of the land grab is decided.

PLAN AND ITS ORIGIN
The court's plans to seize the sixth floor corridor have a double significance, however. It developed today that the Municipal Court and the Penrose-McNichol Councilmanic leaders had their eyes on a site for the Municipal Court as long ago as last April, more than a month before Mrs. Richardson and Mrs. Jurist thought of the Magdalen Home property and passed on the idea to Judge Brown.

That the location of a plan the size of the land scheme appeared first in the minds of Mrs. Richardson and Mrs. Jurist has surprised those who know the long-headed politician and his habit of searching the horizon for the main chance. Mrs. Richardson and Mrs. Jurist recent any suggestion that the thought of the land scheme was not original with them.

But there was a plan to care for the Municipal Court before Mrs. Jurist and Mrs. Richardson set it in motion. Councilman told Emanuel Furth last April that he would do his best not to press his fight against dislodging the Fencibles. They said he ought to wait until the fall.

Only last Saturday, when he read that the Municipal Court planned a grab at 21st and Race streets, did he see why he was advised to wait until fall. Even now, he believes, the Municipal Court may want the sixth floor corridor at City Hall as a shelter until the outlook for the land-grabbing scheme.

FENCIBLES' PLEA IGNORED.
The State Fencibles' lease on the armory expired March 1. Furth appealed to the joint Councilmanic Committee on City Property at a meeting April 2 and secured a recommendation for a renewal of the lease for two years. Then he looked to Councils to act upon the recommendation. But the recommendation remained buried in committee.

Through April Furth went about asking Councilmen to bring the renewal matter before the Council. He was told that it would be better to let the business lie quietly until fall. "You'll do better then," they told him, but meanwhile the City Solicitor had begun an amicable ejectment action and the Fencibles' tenure in their armory was growing more and more shaky.

Then Councils adjourned without acting on the lease for the Fencibles. If the City Solicitor's action was effective the Fencibles could be saved from ejectment only by the action of Councils renewing the lease.

Thursday, Furth met John P. Connelly, chairman of the Councils' Finance Committee. He asked when Councils would do something about renewing the lease.

"We don't want your old armory," said Connelly.

"But the City Solicitor's action is going to have us out if you don't do something," Furth protested. On the following Monday Judge F. Ames Breyer was to have heard a second appeal from Furth for the Fencibles' lease. "Well," Connelly told him, "you go tell DeMott that I said for him to slow up." DeMott was the Assistant City Solicitor in charge of the ejectment proceedings.

"If I tell him that he'll think I'm representing myself," Furth objected. "Well, then, send him to me and I'll tell him," Connelly asserted. Furth wrote DeMott, asking him to see Connelly. But when he met DeMott in court on Monday he learned that the Assistant City Solicitor and Connelly had not discussed the ejectment. "We don't want to be mixed up in that kind of a thing," was DeMott's explanation.

It was two weeks ago that Furth went to Judge Brown and learned from him that the Municipal Court had been planning to install itself in the sixth floor corridor.

THE LAWYER AND THE JUDGE.
The conversation was heated at first. Judge Brown said, according to Furth: "Now look here, Charlie, I know you're anxious to take that corridor for the court. I've heard it on good authority, and there's no way saying that isn't the idea."

"Well, look at the court here," said Judge Brown, with an air of exasperation. "We're crowded and every one knows it. I'm not interested in what the court does except as a citizen." Furth replied, "but the building on Race street, below Broad, that is being used now as a junk shop, would be very much better for the police than the Fencibles' armory. Then he explained that the police could throw a bridge across from the rear of the building on Race street, which would be a fire headquarters, to the Franklin's armory, which would then be available as a gymnasium for the department."

This appealed to Judge Brown as being a good idea, according to Furth, and he said, "I'll see to it." Then Judge Brown admitted freely that the sixth floor corridor was the aim of the court.